(*b*) The total number of backward class scholarships available are first distributed between groups of communities on the basis of population of each group, and the scholarships so got for each group are re-allotted to each district or taluk, as the case may be, according to the number of pupils in that group for each district or taluk.

(*c*) A statement showing the names of backward and depressed classes in receipt of scholarships is placed on the table. (*Vide* Appendix.)

(*d*) and (*e*) The member's attention is invited to Table IX in Part II of the Census Report of 1921 which furnishes the number of literate persons and the total population of each community.

MR. P. MURUGESAM PILLAY (Special Interest).—

Q.—60. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) If they are aware that the workmen employed in the smelting and casting departments of Bhadravathi Iron Works suffer from defective eye-sight owing to constantly staring at glare of the molten metal in the discharge of their daily duty ?

(*b*) Whether some of them have become shortsighted and unable to do their work without the help of spectacles ?

(*c*) If the answer to (*b*) is in the affirmative, what remedial meaures are being devised for preventing further sufferings of the workmen ?

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A.—60. (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) Enquiries show that there have been no such cases.

MR. P. MURUGESAM PILLAY (Special Interest).—

Q.—61. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) Whether they are aware that Type and 'Steno' matter casters and the compositors suffer from shortsightedness owing to their being subjected to see the glittering metal constantly in the discharge of their duties ?

(*b*) Whether they are aware that some of them are suffering from shortsightedness long before their time for retirement and resort to using spectacles purchased from their slender wages ?

(*c*) Whether the Government will be pleased to